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TRESTLEBOARD

Tuesday, March 6, 2007

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the ladies
Reservations to Anastasia Jouganatos
415-221- 2907

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting
Attire: Suit or Sports Coat

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

6:30 PM Dinner - Attire: Casual
Reservations to the Jr. Warden
7:00 PM Red Book Education Series
For Masons, Candidates, non-Masons
7:30 PM Degree Practice: 1st Sect, 3rd Degree

Monday, March 19, 2007

Officer's School of Instruction
1st Sect, 3rd Degree.
Host: Golden Gate Speranza #30
Officers are required to call off with the Inspector
Brotherhood Masonic Center - Attire: Casual
6:15 P.M. Dinner, 7:00 P.M. School

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

St. Patrick's Day Dinner
Featuring WB Jim Adam's
Famous Corned Beef & Cabbage
6:30 PM Dinner - Attire: Casual
Reservations required: 415-221-2907

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

6:30 PM Dinner - Attire: Casual
7:00 PM Degree Practice
1st Degree

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, April 3, 2007

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the ladies
Reservations required: 415-221-2907
7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting
Attire: Suit or Sports Coat

Sunday-Monday, April 22-23

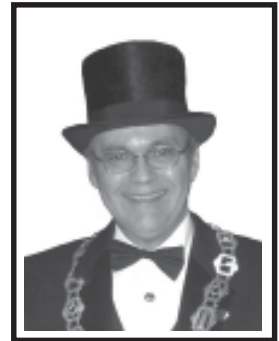
Lodge Trip to Reno

FROM THE EAST



Welcome to the third month of the year. There is an old adage that says "March comes in like a lion, but goes out like a lamb". Well that seems to ring true as spring begins in March. Thus, we have the winter tempest blowing at the beginning, and the calmness of spring issuing in at the end. It doesn't always happen that way, but it is pretty good description of March weather.

In ancient Rome, it was called Martius after Mars, the God of War. Originally, March was the first month of the year in the Roman Calendar. It remained that way until 450 BC when the 12 month year was introduced and January became the first month. However, the March 1st tradition held sway in government circles for another 250 years because Roman Consuls entered service on March 1st so consular events continued to be based on a year beginning on that date. In addition, March 1st was the beginning of the year in Russia until the end of the 15th century, and oddly enough, Great Britain considered March 25th the beginning of their year until 1752 when the Gregorian Calendar was adopted. Strange but true. I am sure it has a lot to do with the beginning of spring. Spring has always been viewed as a period of renewal.



Vision Statement: Golden Gate Speranza Lodge #30 is an organization which values harmony and is friendly to all men. It supports public education and the Masonic youth groups because Masonic values are vital to our youth and their future. It imparts worthwhile Masonic education to its members as well as educating the community about Masonry. Membership in this Lodge will result in lifelong friends, a feeling of belonging, support when needed, an understanding of Masonry, and an understanding of service to others.

MEMBERSHIP

Awaiting Degrees

Second: Bro. Jason A. Benton - initiated October 31, 2006
Second: Bro. George S. Lazar - initiated January 30, 2007
Second: Bro. James C. Steinway - initiated January 30, 2007

Speaking of renewal, we just completed a double First Degree. On January 30th, we initiated Br. George Sebastian Lazar and Br James Christopher Steinway into the Fraternity in due form. I obligated Br. Lazar, and WB Jim Adams obligated Br. Steinway. Senior Deacon duties for Br. Lazar were handled by Br. David Walda, and WB Hank Dosdorian handled the duties for Br. Steinway. Br. Richard Pembroke delivered an outstanding charge while Br. Leigh Skilling explained the basics of Lodge membership with the Hat Lecture. I am very pleased to say that both candidates are taking their proficiency most seriously and are well on their way to their second degree.

At our February Stated Meeting, we awarded the first scholarship of 2007. Graduate Scholarship Chairman, WB Loyal Sutton, made the official presentation to Mr. Jay Escobar. Jay is a graduate student at the San Francisco State University School of Education. He is working on his Masters Degree and will be teaching nursing when he graduates. I am gratified that this Lodge continues to support education in such a strong manner.

At the same meeting, we were very pleased to greet a brother from Hawaii. Br. Jeff Brown of Lodge Maui joined us for dinner and our stated meeting. He was in town for a computer conference. Br. Brown is in charge of the supercomputer division at the University of Hawaii. On departure, he let us know that any member of our Lodge is welcome to visit him and his brothers at Lodge Maui.

In addition, at the February meeting, we again participated in a Masonic rededication ceremony. This was not an obligation, but a recommitment to the principles of Freemasonry. It is important that Master Masons be reminded that these principles are necessary for the peace and serenity of nations, the betterment of mankind, and the ultimate good of all.

On February 20th, we held our first red book education class. As I have mentioned before, the term "red book" comes from the red colored Candidate Coach's Book. WB Martin Kloess led the brothers, candidates, and non-Masons present through a discussion of the Lodge in general and the entered apprentice degree in particular. These discussions are not ritual or secret. Anyone can come and learn about Freemasonry. Our next session will be on Tuesday, March 13th. Please come, listen and ask questions. If so, maybe the next time a man asks you about Masonry you will be able to give him a reasonable and cohesive answer.

Well, that's it. Please join us on March 20th for our St. Patrick Day Dinner. WB Jim Adams and his kitchen staff will be preparing his ever famous corned beef and cabbage. I know you

don't want to miss that! Please note that reservations are now back in the hands of Anastasia Jouganatos. So please give her a call to reserve your place at the table. Please remember that dinner reservations for degree nights, degree practices, and red book education sessions go to the Jr. Warden, WB Jim Adams.

So now you know!

Fraternally,
Patrick J. Burke, Master

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of California STRATEGIC PLAN

Freemasonry

Freemasonry is the world's first and largest fraternal organization. It is a body of knowledge and a system of ethics based on the belief that each man has a responsibility to improve himself while being devoted to his family, faith, country, and fraternity.

Our Mission

The mission of the Grand Lodge of California is to understand and convey the wisdom of Masonic teachings to its constituent lodges in a way that engages and inspires members to conduct their lives according to Masonic tenets and values. The Grand Lodge charters and guides Masonic lodges within California and provides important resources and unity to lodges and members.

Our Values

Our Mission is guided by the enduring and relevant tenets of our fraternity - Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth - and our core values, which include:

- Tolerance
- The fraternity values religious, ethnic, cultural, social, and educational differences. We respect the opinions of others and strive to improve and develop as human beings.

- Freedom
- Masons value the liberties outlined in the U.S. Constitution and continually promote freedom of speech and expression, freedom to worship a Supreme Being in an individual way, and other important liberties. We believe it is our duty to vote in public elections and to exercise all of our liberties within due and proper bounds.

- Philanthropy
- We make a difference in our communities through charitable giving, community service, and volunteerism.

- Family
- We strive to be better spouses, parents, and family members and are committed to protecting the well being of members and their families,

especially when they are in need.

- Personal growth
- Our continuous pursuit of knowledge, ethics, spirituality, and leadership brings more meaning to our lives.
- Ethics
- Our lives are based on honor and integrity, and we believe that honesty, compassion, trust, and knowledge are important.

OUR VISION

Freemasonry in California is a relevant and respected fraternity committed to attracting, developing, and retaining members of high quality who seek self-improvement and opportunities to make a positive difference in their communities. Through the study of our heritage and dedication to new and ongoing Masonic education, members understand and can apply the tenets of Freemasonry. The organization is well led and governed.

Our vision is measured by member vitality, lodge prosperity, and the general awareness of Freemasonry throughout California.

Member Vitality

Masons in California are informed and well connected to their lodge and to the Grand Lodge. They understand and practice what it means to be a Mason both inside and outside the lodge. They actively develop their Masonic knowledge and share it with others.

Key measures of member vitality include:

- personal and professional achievements
- the quantity and quality of new shared Masonic study
- philanthropic activity
- membership recommendations
- participation in lodge, district, Grand Lodge, and community activities and programs.

Lodge Prosperity

A lodge is a brotherhood of Masons who attract and develop leaders, retain quality members and inspire pride in the membership and the community.

The prosperous lodge possesses the ability to:

- attract quality members
- impressively convey Masonic teachings through a relevant and thought-provoking performance of the ritual
- sponsor worthwhile educational, philanthropic, and social activities
- govern and manage the business of the lodge and center association effectively, efficiently, and with high standards of integrity and accountability
- maintain a Masonic center that demonstrates commitment to providing a quality environment for Masonic and community activities through

the maintenance and renovation of existing centers, or the development of new ones.

Community Awareness

California communities are aware of Masonry's mission and values through lodge activities and programs that improve public education and the general well being of fellow citizens. Lodges and the Grand Lodge effectively use the Internet and local media to communicate with their communities.

Community awareness is measured by:

- the frequency and quality of lodge participation in community activities and programs
- media coverage of Masonry
- the quality of lodge and Grand Lodge Web sites
- public inquiries on lodge and Grand Lodge Web sites

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We extend greetings to the following members of Golden Gate Speranza Lodge who will be celebrating their birthday during the month of February.

- Roger L. Pierce 11
- Walter Zolezzi, PM 15
- Howard E. Mangels 18
- George J. Rossi Jr. 25
- William R. Hansen 28
- Robert O. Reynolds, P.M. 30

Brethren celebrating their birthday are invited for a complimentary dinner.



RENO TRIP

APRIL 22-23, 2007

A Sunday - Monday Trip

Sands Regency Hotel Casino

Leaving at 8:00 a.m. SHARP
from 20th Ave & Wawona

Members, Wives and Widows
Double Occupancy \$28.00 Per Person
Single Occupancy \$35.00 Per Person

Non Members
Double Occupancy \$45.00 Per Person
Single Occupancy \$60.00 Per Person

Deadline April 10, 2007

For reservations mail checks to:
William B. Bellamy, III
624 Clarinada Avenue
Daly City, CA 94015-4210

Make checks payable to:
Golden Gate Speranza Lodge #30

Only reservations secured by checks will be accepted and will guarantee your seats.

**Golden Gate Speranza Lodge
2007 Calendar of Social Events**

April 22-23
Reno Trip #1

May 27
Widows Event/Trip

June 19
Past Masters Night
Glenn Whiteside's Famous Spaghetti

July 15-16
Reno Trip #2

August 12
Mystery Trip with Phoenix Lodge

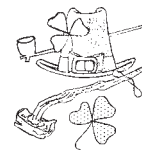
September 4
Constitutional Observance

October 10-17
London Trip

November 10
Anniversary Dinner
the Irish Cultural Center

December 11
Installation of 2008 Officers

**All events subject to change
Please check the Trestleboard**



Happy St. Patrick's Day

If you know of a brother who is ill or in distress please let our sunshine chairman WM Patrick Burke, know so we can send out some cheer. His phone number is on page 4.



WM Patrick Burke presenting the scholarship check to Jay Escobar with WB Loyal D. Sutton, Graduate Scholarship Chairman

Youth Groups Schedules

San Francisco Assembly #1 Rainbow for Girls

Meets: 2nd & 4th Fridays, 7:00 pm, Golden Gate Masonic Temple

Jobs Daughters Bethel #37

2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:00 pm, Scottish Rite Center

DeMolay, San Francisco Chapter

1st & 3rd Fridays, 7:30pm, Golden Gate Masonic Temple